ONLINE SELF-DIRECTED EDUCATION

Nebraska Library Commission State Aid Funding Request FY 2016 - 2017

Summary

Online self-directed learning provides courses on software, business skills, the arts, and creativity to achieve professional and personal goals. This may include video tutorials, online interactive lessons, or other self-paced programs. The self-directed learner takes the initiative to select a targeted course of study, either in response to a demand to develop additional specific job skills or to achieve personal goals.

Funding Request

\$105,000 for FY 2016 and **\$110,000** for FY 2017

Funding would provide subscriptions for self-directed online education and training programs for all Nebraska citizens. Learners may access education programs online with their library card.



The Reinvention of Learning and Teaching

- Self-paced instruction provides comfort, choice, and flexibility
- Opportunities to develop skills and increase productivity
- **Lifelong learning** becomes available to everyone in Nebraska
- Value to the workplace and interpersonal relationships

Testimonials

- "It's a great resource (Omaha
 Public Library's online selfdirected training program). The
 online tutorials are well made and
 allow you to move at your
 own pace."
 - Customer, Omaha Public Library
- "A librarian encouraged me to try lynda.com, and I am so glad I did! lynda.com's online video classes taught me many valuable things about Microsoft Access that have greatly helped me.

 Once I finish with Access I plan to look into other classes offered by lynda.com. I am so glad OPL offers this great service!"
- Kyle Porter, Library Specialist,
 Omaha Public Library





